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Hello!



Flowers in bloom at the T117 Early Action cleanup area in South Park

We hope you are all doing okay, staying at home, staying healthy. Important local health information and guidance is provided at [Public Health Seattle/King County](#). We also want to let you know that EPA has launched its [coronavirus resource website](#). This is not specific to the Lower Duwamish Waterway. Information is provided in English and other languages (Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, Tagalog, Arabic, Russian and Haitian Creole).

When you go to the website - <https://www.epa.gov/lep> - please click on this box  on the right hand side of the page to get information in the listed languages.

As we continue to adjust to the evolving COVID-19 situation, EPA is taking the necessary steps to ensure that decisions about ongoing cleanup activities at Superfund sites are made with the health and safety of communities, EPA staff, state and tribal partners, and contractors as the priority.

As you might anticipate, some in-person community events and activities are cancelled or delayed due to Governor Inslee's Stay Home, Stay Healthy order. Duwamish Alive has postponed their biannual habitat restoration and cleanup event that was to be held on Saturday, April 18.

In addition, decisions about continuing on-site activities will be made on a case-by-case basis. We are working closely with our local, state and tribal partners to evaluate options for continuing site work or securing sites, especially in areas where local health declarations are in effect due to COVID-19.

It's important to know that EPA maintains its ability to respond to environmental emergencies at Superfund sites, or in any situation where we are called upon to protect human health and the environment by responding to releases of chemical, oil, radiological, biological, and other hazardous materials.

We thank you for your continued interest in the cleanup of the Lower Duwamish Waterway. Here are some updates from EPA about our recent work on the cleanup.

Rainier Commons – EPA has approved the next phase of PCB abatement at the Rainier Commons building complex this spring. Rainier has also submitted an application to complete the third phase of abatement work which encompasses the remainder of the buildings at the campus. Once the third phase is approved, Rainier will begin work. For more information, please contact Michelle Mullin at mullin.michelle@epa.gov; 206-553-1616

Boeing Electronics Manufacturing Facility (EMF) – Based on the latest plans from both United Parcel Service and the King County International Airport, all treatment and monitoring wells on the EMF property will be closed before construction and then selected wells re-installed after construction is complete later this year. Boeing plans to complete its injections under the site before the wells are closed and UPS/KCIA begins their redevelopment construction at the site. For more information, please contact Laura Castrilli at castrilli.laura@epa.gov; 206-553-4323

Carbon Amendment Pilot Study: Field work for the third year of testing will start in June and be completed by the end of September. The purpose of the study is to assess the effectiveness of activated carbon in reducing uptake of contaminants like PCBs. What is activated carbon? It is a material that is produced from carbon source materials, such as coconut shells. Activated carbon can be useful in removing pollutants from the air and water. For more information, please contact Elly Hale at hale.elly@epa.gov; 206-553-1215.

Pre-Design Investigation Sampling: Sampling in the Upper Reach (the southernmost two miles of the site) is scheduled to start by late spring 2020. It's expected to take about seven weeks. For more information, please contact Elly Hale at hale.elly@epa.gov; 206-553-1215.

And for Superfund sites near Harbor Island, adjacent to the Lower Duwamish Waterway site:

Lockheed West Seattle: The Lockheed Martin Corporation, the potentially responsible party for the site, is in its final week of construction. Dredging was completed last week. All final project work is complete -- final placement of riprap and a thin-layer of material and sampling around the edge of the site will be performed soon. For more information, please contact Piper Peterson at peterston.piper@epa.gov; 206-553-4951.

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For more information about EPA's cleanup of the Lower Duwamish Waterway, please visit [our Duwamish webpage](#).

For other announcements and updates, please visit **EPA's Duwamish Facebook** page at <https://www.facebook.com/epaduamish/>.

For information about **safe fish consumption** from the Lower Duwamish Waterway, please visit the ["Fun to Fish / Toxic to Eat" Website](#).

For information on **Washington Department of Ecology's cleanup work** in the Lower Duwamish Waterway, please visit <https://ecology.wa.gov/Spills-Cleanup/Contamination-cleanup/Cleanup-sites/Toxic-cleanup-sites/Lower-Duwamish-Waterway>.

You can also subscribe to its email listserv for periodic updates on their source control and cleanup work in the Duwamish: <http://listserv.ecology.wa.gov/scripts/wa-ECOLOGY.exe?A0=DUWAMISH-RIVER-UPDATES>